ASSEMBLY BILL (AB) 74
COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT FAMILY STABILIZATION (FS) PLAN

COUNTY WELFARE DEPARTMENT (CWD):	DATE:
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Please describe how your CWD plans to utilize funds allocated for the FS Program and include responses to the following nine categories. There is an additional text box to enter other information about your FS program if needed. The text boxes will accept up to 1,000 characters of text. If more space is needed you may also submit attachments to accommodate the additional information. You may also attach any materials that address each of the areas below if the materials can be converted to a pdf format for posting to the CDSS website (i.e. not scanned copies).

Please indicate the date your CWD will begin offering an FS program:

April 2014

What types of services will be provided under the FS program?

- ☑ Homelessness
- ☑ Mental Health
- ☑ Substance Abuse
- ☑ Domestic Violence
- ☑ Other, please list Parenting classes

How will clients be informed of the FS program?

Participants will be informed of the Family Stabilization component during orientation and thru the appraisal process. Family Stabilization Posters will be posted in each district office.

How will clients be able to request participation in the FS program?

An informational notice will be utilized to inform of the Family Stabilization program and will allow a participant to request to participate.

How will the county determine which clients will be selected for the FS program?

This will be determined during the robust appraisal and at any other time during the WTW continuum. At this time, the Self –Assessment Functioning Evaluation (SAFE) tool will be utilized to evaluate which participants, and their families, need intensive case management services while household barriers are addressed. When the OCAT is available, this tool will be transitioned in and the SAFE will be transitioned out.

How will the county notify the clients that are participating in the FS program?

Tulare County will provide the participant an approval informing notice at the time it is determined that the family is eligible for the Family Stabilization component.
If a family is determined ineligible for the Family Stabilization component, they will be informed via an informing notice.

How often will county staff contact FS families?

There will initially be weekly to biweekly office or in home visits. These visits will eventually transition to monthly office or in home visits; whichever is the best option for the participant. Weekly progress reports will be submitted from service providers. Progress will be discussed with the participant during office visits, phone appointments, and/or home visits. Family Stabilization-Service Plans will be completed bimonthly by the participant and the counselor. The initial goals that have been

How will FS Intensive Case Management differ from general Case Management?

Because of a decreased caseload, FS staff will be able to dedicate much more time with the family. This will establish good rapport between the family and the counselor. Intensive case management will require the counselor to make daily, weekly, and monthly contact with the participant, ensuring that every effort is made to ensure the family is making adequate progress towards meeting their goals and overcoming barriers. The daily and weekly contacts will transition to monthly contact as it

What types of partnerships will you develop for your FS Program? (i.e. Community based organizations, non-profits, etc.)

We have developed a partnership with our Alcohol and Drug Special Needs Unit and Mental Health Division. In addition we have a partnership with Family Services of Tulare County which provides services for victims of domestic abuse, this includes services for children.

What strategies will you use to link clients with these providers?

Service provider representatives attend our WTW Orientations. This establishes a comfort level between the participant and the provider. At some of our facilities our service providers are co-located within the building. Referrals will be generated to service providers and to intensive case managers.

What strategies does your CWD have to transition clients to WTW?

Participants that have successfully completed 1 to 2 Family Stabilization Service Plans (2 to 4 Months), may be allowed a phased in approach to transition into WTW. An example of an integrated Family Stabilization Plan for the individual participant would include; Mental Health Counseling with Vocational Training, and increased hours of participation. As the participant progresses in an “integrated” FS/WTW program an evaluation will be completed to determine if the participant is ready

How does the FS program compliment or enhance your current services?

The FS program compliments our program as counselors will not only focus on the participant, but now will focus on the whole family and address the household’s barriers prior to requiring WTW participation. This removes stress from the household as they are allowed to address the household barriers with guidance and without the WTW hourly participation requirements. An additional FS payment may be available to households that require a form of “emergency shelter relief” compliments our current services available to participants who have exhausted their homeless options under the CalWORKs program.

Please include any other components of your FS program not covered above:

Please fill out this form electronically and submit to FSProgram@dss.ca.gov

Note: CWDs must submit their plans no later than 30 days after implementation of their FS Programs. CDSS may request subsequent submittals of AB 74 FS Plans from CWDs depending on the needs of the program.